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Anti-Communist, Hah?

Editor's Note: The following is an editorial in today's editions of the New York Daily News. It is being republished because The Evening News believes that it is important for all of its readers to be aware of U. S. policies in the Dominican Republic.

The White House and State Department are putting it about that they have at last obtained establishment of an anti-Communist government in the Dominican Republic.

Now speaks up Gen. Elias Wessin y Wessin, a highly respected Dominican Republic anti-Communist military man whom the Reds hate like poison.

The general tells Jules Dubois, equally respected Chicago Tribune Latin American correspondent, that he was visited late last weekend by a Lt. Col. Joe Wyrick of the U.S. Army and a David Phillips of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

These gentlemen, says Wessin y Wessin, tried to bribe him to go into exile some-

where, because the Dominican Republic Red rebels refuse to give up their weapons until he leaves the country.

The bribe was to consist of guest-of-honor trips to U.S. military installations and the Canal Zone, plus a big overpayment of cash for the general's modest home.

Up to now, State and the CIA have no comment.

"What," asks Wessin y Wessin, "is the United States fighting for? Is it fighting for democracy or communism in the world?"

We'd call that an eminently fair question.